Claim 19, line 1, delete "or 15".

Claim 24, line 1, delete "or 23".

Claim 25, line 1, delete "or 23".

## REMARKS

Claims 1-27 remain pending herein. Claims 5-7, 18-19 and 24-25 have been amended hereby.

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted to eliminate multiply dependent claims from the above-identified application.

Examination of this application on its merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P.

April 9,1999

Date

Roger W. Parkhurst

Registration No. 25,177

RWP/ame

Attorney Docket No. DAIN:499

PARKHURST & WENDEL, L.L.P. 1421 Prince Street, Suite 210 Alexandria, Virginia 22314-2805

Telephone: (703) 739-0220